GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6047
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POLLUTION IN GANGA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received memoranda from various quarters regarding increasing pollution in the river Ganga;

(b) if so, the details of the memoranda with the demands and suggestions given therein;

(c) the details of funds earmarked for the purpose; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) to (d) The requests for taking up new proposals for pollution abatement works in the river Ganga are being received from the concerned State Governments. The requests received so far and their status are at Annexure. An allocation of Rs. 1417 crore has been made for National River Conservation Plan(NRCP) in the X Plan.Action on the memoranda/requests received from the State Governments is taken on the basis of pollution status of the water body and availability of funds in the Plan.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 6047 to be answered on Monday, the 5th May, 2003 on new proposals received for pollution abatement of river Ganga.

S.No.	Name of the Projects	State	Estimated Cost (Rs. in crore)	Action Taken by the Union Government/Current Status
1	Integrated Development Plan of Patna (Sewerage, Drainage & Solid Waste Management along river Ganga)	Bihar	1285.00	The outlay provided for the NRCP under the X Plan is not adequate to take up new projects at present.
2	Revised pre feasibility report (PFR) for Ganga Action Plan (GAP)-II works at Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh	234.80	Priority works amounting to Rs. 31.63 crore have been sanctioned out of the available approved cost of Rs. 32.72 crore for GAP-II in the town. The proposal for additional works amounting to around Rs. 200 crore cannot be taken up at present due to non-availability of adequate funds for NRCP in the X Plan.
3.	Revised PFR for GAP-II works at Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	236.28	Priority works amounting to Rs. 41.61 crore have been sanctioned so far out of the available approved cost of Rs. 45.05 crore for the town. The proposal for additional works amounting to around Rs. 190 crore cannot be taken up at present due to non-availability of adequate funds for NRCP in the X Plan.
4.	Proposal for additional works of pollution	Uttaranchal	26.00	The State Government has been

abatement of river Ganga at Haridwar - Rishikesh during Arth Kumbh Mela			informed that it would not be possible to fund these new works due to non-availability of adequate funds for NRCP in the X Plan.
5. Revised cost estimate of GAP-II works in Kanpur.	Uttar Pradesh	207.37 Rs. 85.70 crore.	Present cost of works is for additional works cannot be taken up at present due to non-availability of adequate funds for NRCP in the X Plan.